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HEADQUARTERS 813TH TANK DESTROYER BN (SP)
APO 7403 U. S. ARMY.

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 116 From 31 Dec 1944 to 1 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 19 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	10				2
B	10				
C	11				
Total	31				2

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP					M48	1923
APC	1259				M48A1	
APCBDF	99				M51A3	
SMOKE	193				M64	350
HE	1922	500	2422	499	M66	
					M68	
					M105	175

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
X												
Z	1											
Z A												
Z B												
Z C												
Z D												
Z E												
HQ												
Total												

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
A	7	4	1	4	2	10	3			7	2	130
B	7	4	1	3	1	5	2			3	1	61

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 109375

A Co. CP	<u>143458</u>	Platoons	<u>139458</u>	<u>159509</u>	<u>175489</u>
B Co. CP	<u>264375</u>	Platoons	<u>275383</u>	<u>294425</u>	<u>325419</u>
C Co. CP	<u>184416</u>	Platoons	<u>219438</u>	<u>243411</u>	<u>243411</u>
Rec Co. CP	<u>185405</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as CP</u>		

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

No change in the employment of the Bn.; No enemy activity in Bn. sector.

PLTS. in an indirect position fired 498 harrassing rounds on enemy strong points during period.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. *119* From *1 1801 Jan 1945* to *2 1800 Jan 1945*

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to *19 Inf Div*

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED			REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours		
A	<i>10</i>				<i>2</i>	
B	<i>10</i>					
C	<i>11</i>					
Total	<i>31</i>				<i>2</i>	

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period	†
AP						M48	<i>1951</i>
APC	<i>1259</i>				<i>1259</i>	M48A1	
APCBDF	<i>99</i>				<i>99</i>	M51A3	<i>350</i>
SMOKE	<i>193</i>				<i>193</i>	M54	
HE	<i>1923</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2223</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>1951</i>	M66	
						M68	
						T105	<i>195</i>

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWS Capt.
A												
B												
C												
RCN												
HQ												
Total												

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE											
	III	LV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWS Capt.
A	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>170</i>

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 920245

A Co. CP	<u>143458</u>	Platoons	<u>139458</u>	<u>159509</u>	<u>115489</u>
B Co. CP	<u>264375</u>	Platoons	<u>275383</u>	<u>294425</u>	<u>325419</u>
C Co. CP	<u>184416</u>	Platoons	<u>219438</u>	<u>243411</u>	<u>243411</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022348</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as CP</u>		

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Bn. alerted during period to withdraw to prepared 2nd. M.L.R.

No enemy activity in Bn. sector but liaison has been established with adjacent units so as to keep abreast of the situation in the 45th Div. sector.

Rcn. Co. assigned mission of patrolling left flank of 78th. Div. and maintaining contact with units on right flank of 45th. Div.

Plts. in an indirect position fired 672 harassing rds. on enemy strong points during period.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 705938

A Co. CP	<u>105375</u>	Platoons	<u>105375</u>	<u>125421</u>	<u>125421</u>
B Co. CP	<u>158339</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as CP</u>		
C Co. CP	<u>122334</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as CP</u>		
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022348</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as CP</u>		

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Bn. on the alert and in readiness to withdraw according to Div. plans during period. However, as per revision in plans all elements remained at their previous locations and gun companies took up direct fire positions on the Rnd. N.E. R. Plts. in an indirect position fired 375 harassing rds. into enemy strong points.

Rcn. Co. doing patrol work on the left flank of the Div. obtaining information on roads and bridges and maintaining contact with units on the right flank of the 46th. Div.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

Mutual Cover

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 119 From 3 1801 Jan 1945 to 4 1800 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Inf. div.

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLIRED Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	REMARKS
A	9		1		
B	10				
C	10			1	
Total	29		1	1	

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand End of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP					M48	1876
APC	1259				M48A1	
APC/DF	193				M51A3	
SMOKE	99				M54	350
HE	1876				M66	
					M68	
					T105	125

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD										
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP towed veh	Towed AT Guns	Pill Arty Boxes	MG Nests	PWS Capt.
X											
B											
Z A											
RCMB											
W C											
Z D T R C N											
HQ											
Total											

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE										
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP towed veh	Towed AT Guns	Pill Arty Boxes	MG Nests	PWS Capt.
A	7	9	1	4	2	10	3		7	2	130

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>105375</u>	Platoons	<u>(142410+128425)/(115429+103438)</u>	<u>155395</u>
B Co. CP	<u>158339</u>	Platoons	<u>187323</u>	<u>188339</u>
C Co. CP	<u>022348</u>	Platoons	<u>155320</u>	<u>022348</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022348</u>	Platoons	<u>Same as C8</u>	

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Gun companies of Bn. remained in their static direct fire positions on the Bnd. M.L.R., all Plts. now in their primary role; No enemy activity in their sectors during the period.

According to plan, all elements were in readiness to withdraw during the early hours of this report but as per later instructions, nothing was moved.

1600hrs Bn. informed that C Co. minus the 1st. Plt. would be attached to the 645th. T.D.BN. to work in the 45th. Div. sector.

Bn. Co. doing patrol work on left flank of 79th Div obtaining information on roads and bridges. The Co. is also maintaining liaison with the 645th T.D.BN., which is on the right flank of the 45th Div. so as to keep this Hdq. informed as to the situation in that sector.

Two M-10's Co. A previously reported in ordinance, have been classified as unrepairable.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 120 From 4 Jan 1945 to 5 Jan 19451. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Div (-)2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION: 2 Plts C Co Capt'd 645 T P Bn.

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	<u>10</u>				
B	<u>10</u>				
C	<u>11</u>				
Total	<u>31</u>				

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand	at End of Period
AP						M48	<u>1876</u>
APC	<u>1259</u>				<u>1259</u>	M48A1	
APCBDF	<u>99</u>				<u>99</u>	M51A3	
SMOKE	<u>193</u>				<u>193</u>	M54	<u>350</u>
HE	<u>1876</u>				<u>1876</u>	M66	
						M68	
						T105	<u>175</u>

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
A												
B												
C												
ZOMB												
ZOMB												
ZOMB												
ZOMB												
ZOMB												
ZOMB												
HQ												
Total												

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
A	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>130</u>
B	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>61</u>
C	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>55</u>

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>105315</u>	Platoons	<u>(142410+128425)</u>	<u>(115429+103438)</u>	<u>155395</u>
B Co. CP	<u>158339</u>	Platoons	<u>187323</u>	<u>095185</u>	<u>190318</u>
C Co. CP	<u>845298</u>	Platoons	<u>175359</u>	<u>(area 4d 6457.11.)</u>	
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022348</u>	Platoons	<u>095185</u>	<u>845298</u>	<u>022348</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

A/0 2000 hrs., 2nd and 3rd. Plts. Co. C left this Bn. sector and went to 845 T. D. Bn. sector going into an assembly position at 845298.

A/0 1400 hrs., a report of 3 enemy tanks and unknown number of enemy infantry at 125175. 2nd Plt. of B Co. and the 1st. Plt. of Rcn. Co. sent to that vic, in support of 1 Bn. 314 Inf. Regt., to meet the threat. No activity reported up to the close of the period.

All ether elements of Bn. in static direct fire defensive positions; No activity in their sectors.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 121 From 5 1801 Jan 1945 to 6 1800 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Inf. div. (-)
2 PITS C & C attached 645 T.D. BN.

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

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C. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period.	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	10				
B	10				
C	11				
Total	31				

b. Ammunition:

On Hand		Drawn		Period		On Hand		Fuzes on Hand	
Type	Beginning of Period	During Period	Drawing Totals	During Period	Period	End of Period	at End of Period	of Period	
AP						1259	M48	1869	
APC	1259						M48A1		
APCBDF	99					99	M51A3		
SMOKE	193					193	M54	350	
HE	1876				7	1869	M66		
							M38		
							T105	175	

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period

NEGATIVES DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD

b. Total to Date:

REMAILED REIMBURSED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 119333 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>105375</u>	Platoons	<u>(142410+128425)(115429+103438)</u>	<u>155395</u>
B Co. CP	<u>119333</u>	Platoons	<u>187323</u>	<u>095185</u>
C Co. CP	<u>945340</u>	Platoons	<u>125359</u>	<u>190316</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022340</u>	Platoons	<u>095185</u>	<u>036436</u>
			<u>945340</u>	<u>022348</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

All elements of Bn. in static direct fire defensive positions during the period.

During the night considerable enemy patrol activity vic. Ingolsheim (140415). A Co. reported hearing vehicles moving in that vicinity.

At 1415 hrs. enemy patrols reported at 198375). The 1st. Plt. of C Co. alerted and went into position to meet this threat but was unable to observe any of the enemy.

A report of dug in enemy tanks at 116108 came in at 1415 hrs. Rcn. was made for positions near that vic. However, nothing was seen.

Rcn. Co., 1st. Plt., doing aggressive patrol work in the vic. of Bischwiller in support of the 3rd. Plt. of Co. B which is in that vicinity to meet any threat of enemy armor in that sector.

The fact that two Plts. of Co. C are still attached to the 645 T.D.Bn. greatly limits the working efficiency and capabilities of Bn. in this strategic situation.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 122 From 6 1301 Jan 1945 to 7 1800 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 INF DIV (-)

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION: 2 PLTS CO 'C' ATTCHD 645 T.D.
a. Primary Weapon: BN

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED			REMARKS
			Repairable	24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	10					
B	8					2
C	9					
Total	27					2

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP					M48	1A26
APC	1259			28	1231	M48A1
APCBDF	99				99	M51A3
SMOKE	193				193	M54
HE	1869			43	1826	M66 M68 T105
						350 175

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
Z A					1							
Z C/Z B		1										
Z D C												
Z D P/Z R C N												
HQ												
Total	1	1	1									

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Pieces	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
A	7	4	1	4	3	10	3			7	2	130
B	7	5	1	3	1	5	2			3	1	61
C	9	7		1		7	3			3	2	55
RCM	1			1		6				5		333
HQ												95
										12	5	7001

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 088 345 Rear Position at 984 144

A Co. CP	<u>105 375</u>	GUNS	<u>103 438</u>	<u>127 425</u>	(2)	<u>156 397</u>	<u>156 394</u>	<u>135 372</u>
B Co. CP	<u>119 333</u>	Platoons	<u>117 429</u>	<u>157 395</u>		<u>137 374</u>	<u>141 410</u>	
C Co. CP	<u>947 339</u>	Platoons	<u>175 364</u>	<u>177 358</u>		<u>185 343</u>	<u>182 338</u>	(188 337)
Rcn Co. CP	<u>022 340</u>	Platoons	<u>173 365</u>	<u>175 365</u>	(2 PITS 645 NO CHANGE)			188 325
		Platoons	<u>155 185</u>	<u>119 333</u>		<u>022 348</u>		

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

At approximately 0800hrs. 12 tanks from the 21st. Pz. Div. attacked forward positions of the 3rd. Bn. 313th. Inf. Tanks were preceded by infantry which surrounded one gun of 1st Plt. of Co. C which later broke out and rejoined Plt. While firing on two enemy tanks two destroyers of Co. C were knocked out and burned. Fire came from over-watching enemy tanks on the flank. Three enemy tanks type not definite, were destroyed by T.D., A.T., and Arty. fire. The attack was repulsed and the enemy began to build up his infantry strength and fire from turret down positions on any likely target. There was no enemy artillery fire in this sector.

Approximately 19 tanks were observed in this sector. Co. A fired, range 3,000 yds., on enemy half tracks towing A.T. guns, results were unobserved. Co. A knocked out one half track at R.R. crossing 160403 and fired on other vehicles and troops in same area at various times during the day.

Co. B shifted guns to meet enemy threat. 1st. Plt of Co. B, with 314th. Inf. in Drusenheim, destroyed one tank and lost one K-10 by artillery fire.

Rcn. Co. Plts. aided various Co's and Plts. on route Rcn.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

Herbert Mieting in May
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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>Mo Chay</u>	Platoons	<u>Mo</u>
B Co. CP	<u>Chay</u>	Platoons	<u>Chay</u>
C Co. CP	<u>X</u>	Platoons	<u>Chay</u>
Rcn Co. CP		Platoons	<u>Chay</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

During the hours of this report all elements of this Bn. meeting fairly stiff resistance from elements of the 21st. Pz. Div.

Gun companies continuing their ground Rcn. for the purpose of any improvement they might make in their positions.

B Co. contacted elements of the 827th. T.D.Bn. and these people have put some of their M-18's into position in B Co's. sector.

During the night 2nd. Plt. of Rcn. Co. waited for and led elements of the 827 T.D.Bn. into positions previously reconnoitered by the 2nd. Plt. Lead elements of this new T. D. Bn. did not arrive until 0400 hrs.

During the day Co. A, firing from dug in positions, destroyed one enemy half-track at 149421 and a M.G. nest at 170388. The Co. also killed a numerous number of enemy personnel in these affrays.

B Co. 2nd. Plt. fired on churchsteeple at Stundwiller 155388. Results of fire brought at least 12 "Jerries" running from the church to give themselves up.

1st Plt B Co knocked out a m. g. nest at Stundwiller (155388)

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

Robert McHenry Jr.
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TANK DESTROY R. DAILY REPORT

(To reach Corps CP by 1000 following day)

TD Report No. 18 From 07 1801 Jan. 1945 to 08 1800 Jan. 1945

ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to VI Corps (79th Div. Task Force)

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION

a. Primary Weapons

Co.	Operational at close of period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 hours	More than 24 hours	
A	7	0	2	3	
B	12	0	0	0	
C	6	1	1	4	
Total	25	1	3	7	

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning Of Period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand End Of Period	Fuzes on Hand At End Of Period
AP	0	0	0	0	0	M48 0
APC	712	75	787	2	785	M48A1 785
APCBDF	0	0	0	0	0	M51A3 0
SMOKT	0	0	0	0	0	M54 0
HE	1480	75	1555	12	1543	M66 1543
						M68 0
						T105 178

RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

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a. For Period:

TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD

b. Total to Date:

TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at R122330	Rear Position at Same
A Co. CPR115372	Platoons - Same
B Co. CPR110371	Platoons Same
C Co. CPR155365	Platoons R165 375; 175 358; 183 337
Rcn Co. CPR122330	Platoons R115 372; R110 371

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Battalion moved from Bivouac BOSENDORF to Bivouac OBERBETSDORF; closed new Bivouac area 0900.

Co. A attached 315th Infantry Regiment

Co. B attached 68th Armored Infantry Battalion

Co. C attached 313th Infantry Regiment

Co. Comdr. Co. C and Plat. Ldr. 2d Plat. Co. C were casualties. Replacements for officers not immediately available. Executive Co. C and Plat Ldr. Rcn. Co. (formerly with gun Co.) placed in command of 1st and 2d Plats. Co. C. Former Plat. Comdr. 1st Plat. Co. C appointed Commander Co. C.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Early in the day an enemy tank offensive supported by infantry started in the B Co. sector. During the day approximately 30 enemy tanks were identified. The enemy infantry supporting the tank attack infiltrated our lines and threw hand grenades into one of the 1st. Plt. of B Co's. M-10's another of this Plt's. M-10's had to be abandoned and later was destroyed by artillery. As the battle grew more intense the town of Hatten (176377) was surrounded by the enemy and one of the two remaining guns of the 1st. Plt. B Co. which had positions in this town was captured crew and all by the enemy. Later, led by Lt. Kolhos, of B Co., our infantry chased the enemy away from the gun and it was recovered intact. The other gun from this Plt. left its position in the town of Hatten and went forward to meet an advancing enemy tank and successfully knocked out the tank plus an armored car at 198325 before being accidentally destroyed by our own artillery fire.

C Co. 1st. Plt., aiding in the offensive with its two remaining guns knocked out one enemy tank vic 185315 and also lost a gun vic. 168327.

A Co. 1st. Plt., under very heavy artillery and mortar fire during the day. The Co. reported knocking out two enemy staff cars, one at 149442 and one at 164405. They also fired 10rds. H.E. into the town of Ingolsheim (149416)

Rcn. Co. 2nd. Plt., maintaining O.P'S. in Rittershoffen (155338) and in Oberbetschdorf (125330).

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

SUMMARY

A/F 1100hrs. V. O. Gen. Wahl, the 827 T.D.Bn. was attached to the 813 T.D.Bn.

In the tank attack in the B Co. sector flame throwers were reported being used by the enemy. In the day's operations B Co. suffered excessive personnel losses including 1st. Plt. leader, Lt. McGee who was wounded ~~in~~ accidentally in the face by our own infantry M.G. fire.

Operations greatly affected because of the attachment of two plts. C Co. to the 845th. T.D.Bn.

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Inf Div (-)
2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION: 2 PLTS Co C attached 645 T.A.

a. Primary weapon:		Completely lost at close of Period		DEADLIED Repairable 24 Hours		REMARKS
Co.	Operational Period	by enemy action for period		More than 24 hours		
A	10					
B	1					
C	8					
Total	25					

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP					148	1738
APC	1173				1173	148A1
APCBDF	99				99	M51A3
SMOKE	193				193	154 350
RE	1743			5	1738	M66
						M68
						T105 175

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD

b. Total to Date:

TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE

Co.	III	LV	V	VI	SP	Dom cat veh	GP veh	Towed AT	Towed Arty	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Early in the period the enemy again attacked with tanks and infantry in the B Co. sector vic Hatten 176337. It was estimated that the attack was on a larger scale than that of yesterday. Two guns of the 2nd. Plt. of B Co. plus one gun of the 1st. Plt. of C Co. in direct fire positions in that sector but did no firing. However, elements of the 827 T.D.Bn. attached to this Bn. saw considerable action in same sector.

A Co. Plts. reported heavy artillery and mortar fire with the enemy doing considerable patrolling. The 1st. Plt. of the Co. fired 5 harassing rds. of H.E. into the town of Ingolsheim (150417)

Rcn. Co. 1st. Plt. doing route Rcn. work in support of B Co. also maintaining C. P.'s. in that sector.

Considerable enemy air activity over the B Co. sector during the period. The towns of Rittershoffen (155338) and Hatten (176337) were bombed.

At the close of the period 12 enemy tanks on the road running North East from Hatten (183337) These tanks were taken under fire by artillery; No reports of fire.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>24</u>	Platoons	<u>23</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>Change</u>	Platoons	<u>Change</u>
Rec Co. CP	<u>Change</u>	Platoons	<u>Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

The enemy continued the attack in the B Co. sector. Early in the period enemy infantry was infiltrating the town of Rittershoffen 155338 and later it was estimated a total of six enemy tanks were in the town. From this total it was reported that the 327 T.D. Bn. destroyed four. The towns of Rittershoffen and Hatten 176337 were both subject to very heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and the situation at the close of the period was very much unsettled.

No enemy counter-attacks in other sectors of the Bn. but all forward elements reported very heavy mortar and artillery fire in their areas.

Rec. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., maintaining a 24 hr. motorized road patrol in the B Co. sector on road running south east from 155326 to 180300.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>

Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

The general situation in the B Co. sector vic. Hatten remained much the same and very unsettled throughout the period with heavy fighting still going on in Rittershoffen 176337 and Hatten 155338. The enemy continued to use tanks in support of his infantry and a late report had three at 165330.

Early in the period A Co., 3rd. Plt., reported hearing vehicles moving to their front but because of the poor visibility were unable to see anything. Later reports stated that the vehicles were moving on main road running south east from Wissembourg 167475 to Oberseebach 168420.

Rcn. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., still maintaining motorized road patrol of wooded area south of Hatten.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 0 6 4 3 3 8 Rear Position at 9 8 4 1 4 4

	No	Platoons	CHANGE
A Co. CP	125335	Platoons	173358
B Co. CP	948340	Platoons	176358
C Co. CP		Platoons	129357
Rcn Co. CP	No	Platoons	(928441) (946434) (036437) (039439) (091431)

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

There was no change in the general situation in the B Co. sector during the period. There was still heavy fighting going on in the Rittershoffen area.

In the A Co. sector, no change. Platoons reported intermittent mortar and artillery shelling in their areas.

Rcn. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., maintained motorized road patrol in woods south east of Rittershoffen (158338)

During the period from 1230 hrs. to 1600 hrs considerable enemy air activity in the sector

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

No change in the general situation in the Rittershoffen, Hatten sectors during the period; Still heavy fighting going on.

In the A Co. sector, Plts. reported intermittent mortar and artillery shelling but otherwise no enemy activity.

Rcn. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., still doing patrol work and maintaining outposts in the Hatten area.

Considerable enemy air activity, possibly of the jet propelled type, in the Bn. sector during the period.

A/O 1800 hrs. 1 gun crew from Co. A and one crew from Co. B took over two M-18's of the 827 T.D. BN.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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9841444. STATUS: Bn CP located at BRUCKMUEHL 064338 Rear Position at BRUNATH 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Fighting in the B Co sector Vic RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN continues with the enemy resisting stubbornly and throwing in numerous counter attacks.

On the A Co front vic. INGELSHIEM (148417) platoons in overwatching direct fire positions reported very little activity with only occasional shelling in this area.

Rcn Co, 1st and 2nd Plats doing motorized road patrol work and maintaining outposts in the HATTEN sector.

During the period it was reported that there were a total of 14 enemy tanks in the vic RITTERSHOFFEN.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

(To reach Corps CP by 1000 following day)

TD Report No. 131 From 15 1801 Jan 1945 to 16 1800 Jan 1945

1. STATUS: Bn GP located at 064338 Rear Echelon at 984144
A Co platoons at (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
B Co platoons at (1) No (2) _____ (3) _____
C Co platoons at (1) _____ (2) Chanci (3) _____
Bn attached to: _____

2 STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

(a) Primary weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 hours	More than 24 hours	
A.	11				
B	9				<i>two of these M-1810</i>
C	7				
Total	27				

(b) Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning Of Period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand End Of Period	
AP						
APC	1173					
APCBDF	99					
SMOKE	193					
HE	1728			10	1718	

3. RESULTS OF ACTION ON THE INEMY:

(a) For Period:

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Brief summary, including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect combat efficiency)

No change in the general situation during the period. However, the fighting in the Rittershoffen sector was not quite as fierce as in the past few days. The enemy did much aggressive patrolling and one of these patrols reached 204307 where it was well taken care of with the 1st. Plt. of Rcn. Co. taking an active part.

In the A Co. sector enemy activity was confined mainly to patrolling and the 1st. Plt of the Co., fired 10Ords. of H.E. at enemy personnel

Gun crews of the Bn. training on M-18's with two M-18's having already been turned over to B Co.

5. NOTeworthy COMBAT LESSONS AND EXP. PRINCIPLES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons

<u>No Change</u>	<u>No Change</u>
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5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

The entire situation remained very much the same throughout the the Bn. sector during the period. An enemy counter-attack near Rittershoffen was repulsed and later our infantry itself attacked and reported making a slight gain.

In the Drusenheim sector (155180), 6 enemy tanks were reported at Sussenheim (180220). The 3rd. Plt. of B Co. working in that area moved forward to meet the threat but at the close of the period had reported no activity.

Rcn. Co., 1st, and 2nd Plt., still maintaining road patrol in woods south of Hatten(178337)

A/O 1200hrs. 2nd and 3rd. Plts of Co. C relieved of attachment to the 645th. T.D.Bn. reverted to Bn. control and reattached to the 79th. Inf. Div.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

1. We are experimenting with the useage of white paint on the M-10s. More or less of an irregular splashing of powdered white paint and water has proved a very effective camouflage. The blend with the snow and ground features is quite good.
2. Also further experiments are being conducted with wide strips of burlap and fish nets colored mottled white and black. It is believed this will be effective too.
3. We find that an M-10, setting for several days in one spot on the line- may develop 'frozen tracks'. It's believed adviseable (when possible) to move the M-10 even a few feet to be sure the tracks won't freeze(to the ground - or internally)

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	Platoons
B Co. CP	Platoons
C Co. CP	Platoons
Rcn Co. CP	Platoons

~~No CHANGE~~

A Co. CP	Platoons
B Co. CP	Platoons
C Co. CP	Platoons
Rcn Co. CP	Platoons

A Co. CP	Platoons
B Co. CP	Platoons
C Co. CP	Platoons
Rcn Co. CP	Platoons

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

No change in the general situation during the period. However, it is believed that the enemy is withdrawing to the east from the towns of Rittershoffen and Hatten.

All enemy activity in the A Co. sector was confined to enemy patrolling with only an occasional "arty" shell falling in the Plt. areas.

During the period B Co., 2nd. Plt., fired on and destroyed one half-track at 180348. A Co. fired on enemy personnel, with effective results, at 142325 and 151426, also a staff car at 168407.

Rcn. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., patrolling wooded area south of Hatten.

Lt. Hull, C.O. Co. B, slightly wounded and evacuated during the day.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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813th T.D. n. Disposition as of 18240 January 1945

A 2nd	102438 100434 113428	A 1st	125422 127424 137405
		A 3rd	150403 153392 155394
			A 123395 (2 in reserve)
B 1st	3 at OBERRODERN (M-10s) 2 M-18s at OBERRODERN (manned by B, 813th TD Bn)		
	B 2nd	1 in HATTEN (in enemy controlled territory; no crew)	
B 3rd	4 in DRUSENHEIM (bridgehead - with Bigwig White)		
C	6 M-10s to SOUFFLENHEIM with 222nd. 1 M-10 will follow from SURBOURG tomorrow	2 Gm 187233 192352 110255	313 314
-----TOTAL:- 25 M-10s and 2 M-18s Operational-----			

827th T.D. Bn. Disposition as of 182400 January 1945

A	154358 155358 157359 158359 1 in RITTERSHOFFEN 2 at 191316 2 in SOUFFLENHEIM (2 M-18s lost here today in SESSENHEIM)	B	4 in HATTEN (2 only are operational) 1 in RITTERSHOFFEN 1 at 141333 1 at 141332
C	162361 163363 148359 149360 162379 164378		
-----TOTAL:- 20 Operational-----			

614th T.D. Bn. Towed (pertinent on our left flank - 103 Div)

- 1) 093429
- 1) 094428
- 1) 075416
- 1) 071409

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Captain, 813th T.D. Bn.,
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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 064338 Rear Position at 984144

A Co. CP	Platoons
B Co. CP	Platoons
C Co. CP	Platoons
Rcn Co. CP	Platoons

Platoons

OTHERS No CHANGE

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Early in the period the enemy launched a three prong counter-attack on the town of HATTEN which was repulsed with no loss of ground.

Very little activity in the A Co. sector. The Co. fired on enemy personnel at 143442, 150445, and 145440. At 1800hrs. the two M-10's that A Co. had in reserve were enroute to the town of HATTEN to go into position there.

B Co., 3rd. Plt., in the Drusenheim sector (156182) engaged 3 enemy tanks early in the period, which were just a little north of town, disabling one for sure with no loss to themselves.

C Co. with the 2nd. and 3rd. Plts. at 2100hrs. moved to the vicinity of Soufflenheim 165255 to meet an expected enemy armored threat in that sector. At 1135 hrs one Plt. of A Co. of the 827 T.D. Bn. was attached to C Co. for reinforcement purposes in their sector.

Rcn. Co., 1st. and 2nd. Plts., still maintaining road patrol in wooded area south of HATTEN.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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813th T.D. Bn. Changes in Disposition to 192400 January 1945

- A 2 in reserve at 123395 - to HATTEN.
- B No change.
- C 6 from SOUFFLENHEIM to: 2 at 187233 with Bingo Red
2 at 192253 with Bigwig Red
2 at 170253 in reserve (but in position)
- 1 M-10 to SOUFFLENHEIM from SURBURG on 20 Jan 1945.

827th T.D. Bn. Disposition (Changes Only)

A Co. - one (1) platoon to SOUFFLENHEIM (closed at 1500). Was to go in position with our C Co. vic Bingo Red and Bigwig Red but will be moved South by "Fury" (These 4 moved from South LEITERSWILLER). LEITERSWILLER positions filled by 4 M-18s from 148359, 149360, 162361, 163363. One (1) M-18 moved from BIBLISHEIM (827th C.P.) to join 2 other M-18s East of SESSENHEIM. (This M-18 is new replacement).

OPERATIONA L:- 813th T.D. Bn. - A 11
B 7 M-10s, 2 M-18s
C 6 M-10s (1 M-10 will rejoin Co. on 20th)

827th T.D. En. - A 10 (4 under TFL)
(3 under TFL East of SESSENHEIM)
B 7
C 8 (2 with Fighter B)

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at SURBOURG 083345 Rear Position at HOCHEFELDEN 875175

A Co. CP	<u>No</u>	Platoons	<u>FROM RESERVE TO 175337 (2 GUNS)</u>
B Co. CP	<u>CHANGE</u>	Platoons	<u>NO CHANGE</u>
C Co. CP	<u>CHANGE</u>	Platoons	<u>NO CHANGE</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>CHANGE</u>	Platoons	<u>NO CHANGE</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Report from Inf (314th) indicate that 4 guns of B Co surrounded and believed captured West Edge of Drusenheim 154184. This action believed to have taken place night of 19th Jan (Inf Bn 314th also surrounded and believed captured) There has been no word from our platoons since the afternoon 19th Jan between 20 & 23 men (no officers) either wounded killed or Missing in action.

One Gun C Co (under T. F. Linden) burned in enemy action at 186233 No Casualties.

No action in A or B Co Sectors to speak of.

Bn preparing organized withdrawal with our various Inf. units.

Bn mission with 94th Cav. cancelled at 1500 hrs.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904195 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>957215</u>	Platoons	<u>4(040240) 2(000245) 1(9*9267)</u>
B Co. CP	<u>0424</u>	Platoons	<u>063227 (3)</u>
C Co. CP	<u>0424</u>	Platoons	<u>2(079195) 2(078205) 2(075215)</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>9021</u>	Platoons	Same as C.P.

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Bn. with its Inf. units made successful withdrawl under "Task Force Wahl". However, 4 destroyers either skidded off the road into deep ditches or became hopelessly mired in the mud. As the withdrawl had to be completed last nite and the T-2's were unable to extricate the M-10's, 4 were destroyed (by official orders) at the following coord. 122393, 119437, 102420, and 108420.

Bn also coordinated with C.C.A. of the 14th. Armored Div. (48th Tank Bn.) in rear guard action and covering force. Weather and driving conditions were extremely hazardous during entire withdrawl.

The above Plt. positions were reconnoitered by Co. commanders and will be occupied by 2000hrs. this date.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

Four M-10s were destroyed by placing incendiary grenades near the gas tank. This is an effective method for complete destruction.

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 137 From 21 1801 Jan 1945 to 22 1800 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 DIV

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

Primary Weapon

Co.	Operational at close of Period.	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	5	2			
B	4				1 (M-18)
C	8				2 (M-18s)
Total	17	2			

b. Ammunition

Type	On Hand Beginning of Period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand End of Period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP						M48
APC	1158			35	1123	M43A1
APCBDF	99				99	M51A3
SMOKE	193				193	M54
HE	1693				1693	M36
						M38
						T105

5. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

b. Total to Date:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>957215</u>	Platoons	<u>SEE H 5</u>
B Co. CP	<u>040240</u>	Platoons	<u>2(063229) 025228 (1M10+1M18)</u>
C Co. CP	<u>040228</u>	Platoons	<u>2(079195) 2(078205) 2(075215)</u>
Ren Co. CP	<u>900210</u>	Platoons	<u>SAME AS CP</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

A Co.

2 M-10s in Haguenau

1 " at 958267 (will be replaced before midnight by 1 tank of the 781st. Tank Bn. - 2 MGs at same location.

2 " at 003246 (will also be relieved by two tanks tonite)

These three M-10s relieved will go to Haguenau as a mobile res.

3 M-10s knocked out by tank fire (believed Mk 1V's) at 014246.

4 M-10s being conditioned at A Co. C.P.

B Co. knocked out a "Jerry" O.P. in town at 089236.

C Co. remained in close support of 314th and 242nd Inf in the Bischwiller Kaltenhouse sector.

7 M-18s have been received by this Bn. from 827th. T.D. Bn.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>002193</u>	Platoons	<u>030234 (314 PT (PES) SEE BELOW</u>
B Co. CP	<u>040975205</u>	Platoons	<u>NO CHANGE</u>
C Co. CP	<u>031170</u>	Platoons	<u>NO CHANGE</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>900210</u>	Platoons	<u>SAME AS CP</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

1. A Co. following dispositions in Haguenau (3-M-10s, 3 M-18s)
047236, 043244, 034246, 039245, 037242, 038238.
2. On the 22nd., one M-10 immobilized by enemy tank fire; small arms fire, and burning buildings made it impossible to retrieve. At 1600hrs. on the 23rd. (M-10 being manned) was burned up by enemy tank fire. Tank fire during a blinding snow storm, did not reveal its position to us.
3. Bn. continues in its support role on the 4 Regt. fronts.
4. A Co. of the 827 T.D.Bn. relieved of its attachment to 314th. and returned to its parent unit.
5. A Co. of the 781st. Tk. Bn., 3 Med. Tks. 75mm gun, attach'd to this Bn. and in position 222 Regt. sector.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

1. In present defensive positions it is of the upmost importance that T.D's. and Tk's. are concealed or covered behind buildings, walls, barns, etc. A hole to allow vision and firing can readily be affected. Similiar alternate positions must be selected because enemy patrols in due time will spot initial positions. One man of each crew must have an O.P., vic. gun, and watching the enemy. A telephone from the gun to the intercom system is suggested.

2. Know Your Enemy:

An enemy tank hidden among the buildings watched our immobilized T.D. all day. The German Gunner patiently waited until a convenient heavy snow flurry came. The shot burned up the M-10 and it was impossible to learn the enemy's whereabouts.

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- - - MUST NOT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS - - -

813th T.D. Bn. Dispositions and Flanking TDs as 232000 January 1945.

1. 813th T.D. Bn.: - Bn. CP 904175
 "A" Co. CP 002193 (813th Sector)
 1 gun 047236
 1 gun 043244
 1 gun 034246
 1 gun 039245
 1 gun 037242
 1 gun 038238
 3rd platoon in reserve at 030234
 "B" Co. CP 975205 (242nd Sector)
 guns no change
 "C" Co. CP 031170 (314th Sector)
 guns no change
 Rcn Co. CP 900210

BF Carl A. BAUER

2. A Co, 827th T.D. Bn, relieved of attachment with 314th; reverts to parent control as of 230730 Jan 45.

3. A Co, 781 Tank Bn, (3 Shermans - 75mm guns) supporting 222nd Sector (Phone - WASP ABLE through FURNACE) Capt. Pelletier.

4. FIGHTER CP reached thru BISHOP Switchboard.
 FIGHTER ABLE " " BINGO "
 FIGHTER BAKER " " BISHOP-BISCUIT-SCRAMBLE.
 FIGHTER CHARLEY" " BIGWIG Switchboard.

FIGHTER ABLE Co. - Lt. Sperry (NIEDERSCHAFFOLSHHEIM)
 FIGHTER BAKER Co. - Lt. Kolhoss (BATZENDORF)
 FIGHTER CHARLEY Co. - Lt. Sevdy (WEITBRUCH)
 FIGHTER RECON Co. - Capt. Nudson (ALTECKENDORF)
 FIGHTER CP - Major McCutchen, Major Meeting, Capt. Parkin, Capt. Johnson.

5. Know Your Enemy:- On the 22nd, an M-10 was knocked out (but not burned) on North side of HAGUENAU. All attempts to retrieve it during the night were frustrated by S/A fire and burning buildings. An enemy tank (and very patient gunner) apparently stood by and waited in daylight for our retriever to return. No retriever operation was planned until nightfall, so the gunner of the German tank (with one shot well zeroed) took advantage of a sudden snow flurry in the afternoon, fired at, and burned the TD. Due to the heavy snow flurry, no one in the sector saw or located the German tank. Said tank was in hiding all day and never was picked up and engaged. It is still on the other side now!!

6. Under the present conditions, TDs will make every effort to select positions behind buildings, barns, walls and so on. One man from each crew will then select a vantage point in a room or building and will keep a constant watch on the enemy lines. He is actually to be the 'seeing eye' for the entire crew - who will be on the TD or standing by.

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staff officers, will further coordinate this effort to gain a maximum of watchfulness on the enemy lines. (Additional suggestions or recommendations by regiments will be appreciated)

7. The 614th T.D. Bn. (Colored, Towed) is on Div left flank with the 103rd Division.

The 638th T.D. Bn. (SP, M-10c) is on the right flank with the 36th Division.

The 813th T.D. Bn. reserves (for entire Div front) approx. 4. (Southwest of HAGUENAU and MARIENTHAL)

GEORGE MC CUTCHEN
Major, 813th TD Bn
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

FREDERICK H. PARKIN
Captain, 813th TD Bn
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TD Report No. 139 From 23 Jan 1945 to 24 1800 Jan 1945

1. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

2. Series a. Primary Weapon:		DEADLIED			REMARKS
Co.	Operational nt close of Period.	Completely lost by enemy action for period	Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	9				
B	4				
C	8				
Total	21				

b. Ammunition:

b. Ammunition:						
Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP						M48
APC	1123					M48A1
AFCBDF	99					M51A3
SMOKE	193					M54
HE	1693					M66
						M68
						T105

RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

For Period:

b. Total to Date:

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4. STATUS: Bn GP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>110</u>	Platoons	<u>C H A L L G E</u>
B Co. CP		Platoons	
C Co. CP		Platoons	
Rcn Co. CP		Platoons	

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

Bn. continued in its support role of Regt's of 79th Div. throughout the period.

No change in the general situation throughout sector and everything very quiet.

Bn. within the next 24hrs. will commence relieving at least one gun per day to go to the Bn. motor shop for sandbagging, camouflaging, and general over-hauling. The operation on one vehicle will take approximately 10hrs.

Rcn.

During the period, Rcn. Co., Pioneer Plt., affected considerable demolition work on buildings for the purpose of improving gun position cover and concealment in the A Co. sector.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>SEE BELOW</u>
B Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>055227</u>
C Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>4 (060200) 2 (087194) 2 (075214)</u>
Rcn Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons	<u>No Change</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

A Co.- 4 guns vic. Haguenau, 2 guns vic 207234, 2 guns vic. Schweighausen, 999245, 001244, and one gun 003195.

Rcn. Co.- 2 M-8s at 959267. These two guns (light scout cars) stayed in one place throughout entire action during past 24hrs., firing up a complete basic load of ammo. (37mm., 50 and 30 cal) Many enemy casualties were affected.

2 M-10s were knocked out at 062227. These guns engaged enemy infantry activily with H.E. ammo for 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. at the begining of the attack at 0200hrs. They were forced to withdraw with the 242 Inf. as German envelopment was imminent. In pulling back from these positions, German gunners, who had them well spotted, fired and burned up the M-10s as they wallowed in the mud.

Two Sherman tanks of A Co. of the 781st. Tk Bn. were knocked out in Schweighausen. This Co. has one operational tank remaining.

Coordinated shifts of our thin reserve were affected during the day by Bishop 6 and Fighter 6.

There were enemy tanks along the front but none could be spotted and engaged by our T.Ds.

The line was generally restored by 1800hrs with the exception of enemy in Schweighausen and the woods straight west.

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TD Report No. 141 From 25 Jan 1945 to 26 Jan 19451. ATTACHMENTS: Battalion attached to 79 Inf. Div

2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	9				
B	2				
C	8				
Total	19				

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand	Fuzes	On Hand
					end of period	at End of period	at End of Period
AP						M48	
APC	1123			16	1107	M43A1	
AFCBDF	99				99	M51A3	
SMOKE	193				193	M54	
HE	1693			42	1651	M66	
76MM	336				336	M68	
						T105	

3. RESULTS OF ACTION OF THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD										
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com	GP	Towed	Towed	Pill	MG
					bat	veh	AT	Arty	Boxes	Nests	Capt.
Q A						3					
Q B											
Q C											
Q D											
Q E											
Q F											
Q G											
Q H											
Total						3					9

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE										
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com	GP	Towed	Towed	Pill	MG
					bat	veh	AT	Arty	Boxes	Nests	Capt.
A	7	4	1	4	4	15	3		7	3	130
B	8	15	1	3	2	5	2		3	1	61

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>No Change</u>	Platoons
B Co. CP		Platoons
C Co. CP		Platoons
Rcn Co. CP		Platoons

<u>No Change</u>	

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

No change in the general situation during the period. This Bn. continued in its general support role of the Div. in its sector.

A Co. fired on an enemy patrol at 030246 destroying three trucks, killing several personnel, and dispersing the remainder.

B Co. also fired on one enemy target which was an enemy motor patrol vic. 065235 and 072235; Results of fire undetermined.

C Co. reported no activity in its sector.

Rcn. Co., 2nd Plt., spearheading an aggressive infantry patrol ran into the enemy vic. Neubourg, 958267, who were trying to occupy the town. By the use of its roving fire power the Plt. was able to break up and disperse the enemy's attack. In the fire fight numerous enemy were killed and nine were taken prisoner by the Plt.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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Capt. WHITNEY

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FIGHTER OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

26 January 1945.

1. Disposition of 813th T.D. Bn.:

Bn CP 904175

Co. CPs No change

A Co.	4 guns	HAGUENAU
	2 guns	207234
	2 guns	999245, 001244
	1 gun	003195

B Co.	1 gun	055227
C Co.	4 guns	060200
	2 guns	087194
	2 guns	075214

These positions subject to change the night of 25 Jan.

2. "This is the Army":- This battalion recently received seven (7) M-18s (light 18-ton TDs with 76mm gun, from the 827th TD Bn). Probably in the states, drivers and gunners on this vehicle receive a month or so of training, maneuvers, maintenance instruction and so on. Cos "A", "B" and "C" rounded up M-10 crews whose fire power had been lost in action, placed them on the new guns, a few hours of driving and gunnery, and off to the front!!

3. The gun and vehicle are quite different; i.e.:

M-10	Diesel motor
M-18	Gasoline
M-10	Turret is manually operated
M-18	Turret is power driven
M-10	3-inch shell
M-18	76mm weapon and different sight and breech
M-10	Crew can sleep in it (with reasonable comfort)
M-18	Crew can sleep in it (comparable to a sardine can)
M-10	Thick-skinned and can withstand direct arty hit
M-18	Thin-skinned and we'll hope for the best!
M-10	Can maneuver fairly well in ice and snow
M-18	Very difficult to handle on ice and snow - skids a lot
M-10	Spare parts are available in odd amounts
M-18	Spare parts and replacements - very critical

4. The M-18 cannot take the abuse or punishment the M-10 can; therefore they will not be able to stay out under arty fire very long; must keep moving, get under cover -- or get out!

5. The 813th S-3 section is compiling a complete study of combat experiences, lessons learned, short cuts and operations for more efficient control. We cordially invite your criticisms, constructive and otherwise, either by phone (FIGHTER through BISHOP) or in writing. This will enable us to assure an even better TD disposition and operation within the Division sector.

6. Two (2) M-10s were knocked out by direct tank fire in the 242 sector early in the attack. Lt Richards, commanding "B" Co. platoon, directed his guns to fire on a factory across the river, containing at least 200 to 250 of the enemy. The M-10s would pull forward from their cover position fire up at the infantry, and pull back under protection of a

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fantry Captain to order a slight withdrawal. As the infantry and M-10s moved back, the German tank gunners tracked our lumbering guns through the mud. The TDs were knocked out and burned by enemy tank fire.

7. Two (2) Sherman tanks of "A" Co., 781st Tk Bn (1 gun left in operation) were destroyed in the enemy engagement in SCHWEIGHAUSEN.

-MC CUTCHEN-
Major, Commanding.

-PARKIN-
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2. STATUS OF PRIMARY WEAPON AND AMMUNITION:

a. Primary Weapon:

Co.	Operational at close of Period	Completely lost by enemy action for period	DEADLINED		REMARKS
			Repairable 24 Hours	More than 24 hours	
A	8		1		
B	2				
C	8				
Total	18		1		

b. Ammunition:

Type	On Hand Beginning of period	Drawn During Period	Totals	Expended During Period	On Hand end of period	Fuzes on Hand at End of Period
AP					M48	
APC	1107			1	1106	M48A1
APCBDF	99				99	M51A3
SMOKE	193				193	M54
HE	1651			12	1639	M66
16 mm M	336				336	M68
						T105

3. RESULTS OF ACTION ON THE ENEMY:

a. For Period:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED FOR THE PERIOD											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Piecess	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
X A												
X B												
X C												
X D / IRON												
HQ												
Total												

No Change

b. Total to Date:

Co.	TOTALLY DESTROYED OR CAPTURED UP TO DATE											
	III	IV	V	VI	SP	Com bat veh	GP veh	Towed AT Guns	Towed Arty Piecess	Pill Boxes	MG Nests	PWs Capt.
A												
B												

No Change

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4. STATUS: Bn CP located at 904175 Rear Position at 875175

A Co. CP	<u>031172</u>	Platoons	<u>3(080193) 3(072214) 3(060198)</u>
B Co. CP	<u>915205</u>	Platoons	<u>2(055226)</u>
C Co. CP	<u>001192</u>	Platoons	<u>4(040240) 2(030237) 2(030230)</u>
Rec Co. CP	<u>900210</u>	Platoons	<u>031172</u>

5. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief summary including mention of excessive personnel losses which affect efficiency)

No change in the general situation during the period.

Elements of the Bn. spent the period exchanging sectors to conform with the new Division boundaries. A Co. returning to support the 315th. Inf. Regt., B Co. the 314th., and C Co. the 313th.

A Co. fired on one enemy patrol at 024248, killing several enemy personnel.

6. NOTEWORTHY COMBAT LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES:

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CAPT WHITNEY (BISHOP 3)

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FIGHTER OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

27 January 1945.

1. Battalion dispositions no change.

2. Of Interest To All - Know Your Supporting Weapons.

M-18 TANK DESTROYER

(1) ARMAMENT - 76mm gun, 50 cal. AA MG. This gun has approximately the same armor-piercing capabilities as the 3" gun which gives the same amount of fire power.

(2) MOTOR CARRIAGE - High power, light construction.

a. This tank destroyer is powered by a 500hp airplane engine which enables it to attain 65 mph in suitable terrain.

b. This destroyer has a torsion bar suspension system and drive sprockets of light construction subject to break upon contact with the lightest object.

c. Its steel tracks cause it to slide on icy roads more than other type vehicles.

d. Because of its light weight (20-tons) and great power it is highly maneuverable in suitable terrain (other than ice and mud).

(3) ARMOR - The armor of an M-18 is quite light, varying from 10 to 20 mm. The armor plate thickness is about the same as the light armored car, M-8, used by Cav and Rcn units, which makes it vulnerable to all fires other than small arms.

(4) CAPABILITIES -

a. The M-18 can move from one position to another very rapidly.

b. It can destroy enemy armor: Mk IV at 1200-1500 yds; Mk V at 400-700 yds (except frontally); Mk VI at 400-700 yds (except frontally).

c. The M-18 can provide direct fire support in the assault gun role but is not suited for such because of its light armor. The M-10 is more suited to this role.

(5) LIMITATIONS -

a. Because of its light armor this destroyer must maneuver to get out from under enemy arty and mortar fire. It cannot sit in position under such fire and take the beating the M-10 will take ~~without employment~~.

b. Because of its light construction, it is easily damaged by trees, buildings and such obstacles.

c. Its employment is more difficult as it must be employed by movement from cover positions to fire positions. It cannot live and sit in front line positions under enemy fire.

3. The 2 M-10s in SCHWEICHAUSEN will eventually move over to the new Div sector. A re-adjustment will be made of TD dispositions within the new boundaries. The present deleted strength of M-10s and M-18s will necessitate careful study to get the necessary fire power over front lines. The policy of keeping under cover until a target is seen, and then moving out to meet the threat, will be in effect.

4. The 807th T.D. Bn. will be supporting the 101st Airborne Div on our left with 36 Towed 3" guns. The 636th T.D. Bn. (SP) remains on our right flank.

-MC CUTCHEN-
Major, Commanding.